

**State of California  
Telecommunications Division  
RFP DGS-2053**

**Question and Answer Set**

DATE	QUESTION #	Q/A	RFP CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
<b>11/16/04</b>			
	1	Q	About questions: Is there any particular form you want us to use?
		A	We have no particular format for questions. Any format you want to use to present questions is fine.
	2	Q	May we send questions via e-mail or do they have to be by U.S. Mail?
		A	You may send questions via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:ila.parisek@dgs.ca.gov">ila.parisek@dgs.ca.gov</a> .
	3	Q	(Paraphrased) Why is the State asking for the same disparate, and therefore costly telecommunication services that the State receives today, while only providing for a future option to move to a converged network and then only on a department-by-department basis?
		A	<p>Refer to RFP Section 1.2.5, "Movement Toward Converged Technologies and Other Considerations": This section specifically refers to "converged services" not "converged networks". It is the State's intent in RFP Section 6 that bidders be able to bid a converged network that will meet current and emerging telecommunication services needs, including the provision of a variety of features and applications such as VoIP.</p> <p>CALNET II Customers need the ability to procure the same services and features they utilize today to minimize disruption during the transition to CALNET II. Since there is no limitation on the network architecture, bidders can define the particular backbone technology with which they plan to deliver those services. Whatever network solution is proposed, the implementation and associated software/hardware must be provided at no cost to the State and its Customers.</p> <p>Additionally, since the State cannot predict the architecture a vendor may choose to deliver network services, local loop delivery components are required to guarantee that complete functionality is provided regardless of the architecture.</p>